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## 170 picked to operate Lатар Expressway

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Lатар Expressway staff reading their work schedules.

**KUALA LUMPUR:** More than 170 local residents have been hired to operate the Kuala Lumpur-Kuala Selangor (Lатар) expressway before it opens.

They are currently undergoing training to become toll tellers, traffic controllers, patrolmen, members of the emergency response team and plaza supervisors.

They come from Kuala Selangor, Gombak, Ijok, Bukit Badong, Bestari Jaya, Rawang, Puncak Alam, Kuala Lumpur and Shah Alam.

KL-Kuala Selangor Expressway Berhad (KLSEB) is the concessionaire for the RM958 million Lатар Expressway.

KLSEB chief executive officer Amran Amir said more than 500 had applied for the jobs that were advertised.

"We also had the assistance of the Jabatan Tenaga Kerja of Kuala Selangor and Rawang as well as the Selangor State Labour Office to assist us in the search," said Amran.

The company also included training such as grooming, customer relations and hospitality.

The emergency response team is being trained by Automobile Association of Malaysia in defensive driving and by Jabatan Bomba for emergency training.

Lатар Expressway employees also received basic training from the Malaysian Red Crescent Society in first aid.

Operating toll machines and systems, toll collection, repair and maintenance, and traffic control room operations formed part of the training as well.

Lатар Expressway will serve several townships such as Kuala Selangor, Assam Jawa, Ijok, Batang Berjuntai, Kota Puteri, Puncak Alam, Shah Alam, Bukit Jelutong, Sungai Buloh, Kundang, Rawang and Selayang as well as allow for a faster and safer route to and fro between Petaling Jaya, Shah Alam and Kuala Lumpur.

Lатар Expressway will provide access into the PLUS North-South Highway, the Guthrie Corridor Expressway and the West Coast Highway. It forms the north-west portion of the the plan for a KL Outer Ring Road (Klorr) which begins from Templer's Park Interchange along Federal Route 1 (KL-Rawang) to the Guthrie Corridor Expressway.

Construction of the Lатар Expressway began in 2008.

It is now in the final stages of construction